

Table of Action points from Thatcham Town Council meeting with GWR & Network Rail 13th October 2020

Ref	Issue	Potential resolution	Comments	Progress / Notes
1	Train Station not serviced on bus route	Include train station in bus routes, especially during peak hours	Arrange meeting with Reading Buses to discuss	
2	Main car park located on south side of track and insufficient parking provision	Relocate main car park to north side of track and increase parking provision	Explore options to relocate and increase car parking provision	
3	Long barrier closure times – often closed for 3 trains	Relocate trip points to reduce closure duration	Network Rail to feed back	It is not a viable option to move the trip points. If you delayed the closing the crossing any later, train drivers would see cautionary (yellow/double yellow) or even stop (red) aspects (lights) for the crossing – which is against the principle of keeping trains running on green signals wherever possible as it would make journeys longer with more braking. And even if you did suppress the crossing closure sequence it would be counterproductive as

				the trains are then approaching the crossing on caution, and any gains would be lost. To re-position signals closer together would be a massive project and would design in other risks, such as trains passing red signals from inconsistent signal spacing.
4	Longer barrier closure likely if signalling was controlled from Didcot	Seek assurance of long-term plans for Colthrop control	Network Rail to feed back	We have no plans to close the Colthrop signal box in Control Period 6 (2019-2024), and it is not in our plans (which are currently being developed) for Control Period 7 (2024-2029). The plans for Control Period 8 (2029-2034) will be developed during Control Period 7.
5	No toilet facility	Provide accessible toilet/s	Request installation of toilet, funded from Station Improvement Fund	
6	Lack of accessibility facilities to enable crossing of track without having to wait for barriers	Install accessible lift	Estimated cost of lift £1m	

			Consider requesting GWR conduct an accessibility audit of Thatcham Station	
7	Limited cycle parking provision	Install additional cycle parking / shelter/s	Potential use of CIL from Station Road development	
8	Ticket Machine is located on the north side, along with the Ticket Office (manned to midday). There is no ticketing provision on the south side, requiring passengers to cross the track to purchase a ticket.	Install ticket vending machine on southern side.	Passengers encouraged to book online but GWR to feedback on possibility of installing ticket vending machine on south side	
9	Lack of weather shelters, 1 only, located on north side.	Install additional weather shelter/s	Potential use of CIL from Station Road development	
10	Improved signage needed regarding where to alight for Thatcham due to short platform.	Review signage and address issues accordingly	Request GWR review signage	
11	Last trains from London to Thatcham do not fit with Theatre closing times	Align train timetable with Theatre closing times	Request GWR consider at next timetable review	